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Thanks Dave. Can you guys please give me a heads up before they are released?

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THE RECORD

Results of tests taken to see if Riverside County Park in Lyndhurst has been contaminated with high levels of dioxin from the Passaic River will be ready by next week, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The results will likely be made public at a community meeting Thursday in Newark about the long-term investigation and cleanup of pollutants from the Passaic, said EPA spokesman David Kluesner.

Investigators took soil samples from around the Bergen County-owned park in late January after discovering very high dioxin levels in the river's mud flats just feet away from the park. Dioxin is one of the world's most toxic industrial byproducts and a known carcinogen.

Kluesner said the dioxin in the mud flats is not an immediate public health threat, but the agency is still

determining if people come in regular contact with it.

Riverside County Park was flooded when the Passaic River overflowed its banks during Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee last year.

The dioxin levels in the mud, which range from nine to 21,000 parts per trillion, are among the highest ever recorded in the Passaic, already a Superfund site and among the nation's most polluted waterways.

The EPA has discussed dredging 30,000 of the 120,000 cubic yards of contaminated mud from the river near Lyndhurst.

The EPA is also considering capping the majority of the contaminated mud, a plan that has drawn sharp criticism from environmentalists.

U.S. Rep. Bill Pascrell Jr., D-Paterson, called for all 120,000 cubic yards of dioxin-laden mud to be removed from the Lyndhurst riverbank.

"Because of this location's proximity to the park, and the possibility that flooding could move this contamination, I strongly urge you to look at the feasibility of removing all contaminated sediments at this stage," he said in a letter to Judith Enck, the regional EPA Administrator.

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